

Economics (Joint Major)

Economics explores how people (consumers, business owners, public servants and politicians) make decisions, and how they choose between alternative ways of spending their money and using their skills, energy and time in a wide range of human endeavours.

Studying economics will provide you with new ways of thinking analytically about important questions such as: What are the economic and financial consequences of Brexit for Ireland? Is the housing market in Ireland developing a new property bubble? What factors lie behind the recent world financial crisis?

More generally economists are curious about how and why people make decisions and how they respond to incentives. That is why economics can help to shed light on decision-making in many diverse areas of life, from love and marriage to sports and crime.

In the joint honours degree, the first two years are designed to introduce students to the key concepts and tools of economics and help them develop an analytical way of thinking. In the subsequent years, students learn how to apply these tools and way of thinking to a variety of contexts and can explore further the economic fields that best suit their interests.

Students attend lectures and participate in small group tutorials to work on problem sets. A combination of end-of-semester written examinations and continuous assessment is used. Continuous assessment may include midterm examinations, projects, essays and oral presentations.

If you do not achieve a O3/H7 or higher in Leaving Certificate Mathematics (or equivalent), you must complete an introductory Mathematics module during Semester 1 of your first year.

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Study Abroad

You can apply to study abroad for a semester or a year in partner universities across the globe including:

The Netherlands	Australia
Belgium	Asia
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Careers with Economics

Economics graduates are in high demand – our graduates work in Bank of Ireland, Price Waterhouse Cooper, KPMG, Paddy Power and Deloitte. Economics graduates can expect to have direct access to Economics, Business and

Finance Masters. The School of Economics offers MSc graduate programmes aimed at further developing analytical and professional skills.

What our Students Say

Studying joint honours in Economics and Politics has given me great opportunities. I have such a wide range of modules to choose from. I chose economics because I was good at maths in school. Outside of my academic programme, I am the secretary of the Literary & Historical Society which has allowed me to travel, meet incredibly interesting people, and run events for the student population. I hope to study an MSc in Applied Economics in UCD, and then work in an advisory role in government or a financial institution.

Róisín O'Gara

Joint Honours Economics student

Internships

In Year 3, you can apply for an optional internship in a range of sectors in the public and private sectors, for example:

Banking	Media
Finance	Government
Insurance	Communications

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